

FEDERAL ROOM

## Federal Communications Commission

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 Before the  
 Federal Communications Commission  
 Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of	)	
	)	
Amendment of Section 73.202(b),	)	
Table of Allotments,	)	
FM Broadcast Stations.	)	
(Plainville, Georgia)	)	MM Docket No. 01-102
	)	RM-10100
	)	
(Rosholt, Wisconsin)	)	MM Docket No. 01-103
	)	RM-10102
	)	
(Auburn, Alabama)	)	MM Docket No. 01-104
	)	RM-10103
	)	
(Shiner, Texas)	)	MM Docket No. 01-105 ✓
	)	RM-10104
	)	
(Pacific City, Oregon)	)	MM Docket No. 01-106
	)	RM-10105

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE MAKING**

Adopted: April 18, 2001

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Released: April 27, 2001

Comment Date: June 18, 2001

Reply Comment Date: July 3, 2001

By the Chief, Allocations Branch:

1. Before the Commission for consideration is a multiple docket Notice of Proposed Rule Making setting forth separate proposals to amend the FM Table of Allotments, Section 73.202(b) of the Rules. Each petitioner has stated that it will apply for its requested channel, if allotted. We believe that each proposal warrants consideration because it complies with our technical requirements and would serve the public interest.

2. This is a multiple docket Notice of Proposed Rule Making issued in response to a Commission Public Notice released October 2, 1998 (DA 98-1987). We are combining separate FM allotment proposals into a single Notice of Proposed Rule Making. Each proposal has its own docket and rule making number and the Commission's Reference Center will maintain a separate file for each docket. As discussed in the Public Notice, this procedure will conserve Commission

resources and expedite the processing of FM allotment petitions for rule making by avoiding duplicative actions. We request comments and/or counterproposals to the following proposals:

**A. MM Docket No. 01-102; RM-10100**

**Petitioner:** Plainville Communications

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Plainville Communications  
P.O. Drawer 90  
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**Proposal:** Allot Channel 285A at Plainville, Georgia, as the community's first local aural transmission service.<sup>1</sup>

<u>Community</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Plainville, Georgia	---	285A

**Coordinates:** 34-25-58 NL and 85-05-48 WL

**Additional Information:** This allotment requirements a site restriction of 6.5 kilometers (4.0 miles) northwest to avoid a short-spacing to the licensed site of Station WFSH-FM, Channel 284C1, Athens, Georgia.

**FCC Contact:** Sharon P. McDonald (202) 418-2180

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<sup>1</sup> In support of its proposal, petitioner states that Plainville is an incorporated community with a 1990 U.S. Census population of 231 persons. It is located in Gordon County, with a 1998 estimated population of 41,052 persons. Plainville has its own zip code and post office (30733), and provides certain municipal services to its residents. There are several dozen retail, wholesale, manufacturing, municipal and agricultural establishments.

**B. MM Docket No. 01-103; RM-10102**

**Petitioner:** Craig Norlin

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Bechtel & Coe, Chartered  
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Washington, D.C. 20036

**Proposal:** Allot Channel 263A at Rosholt, Wisconsin, as the community's first local aural transmission service.<sup>2</sup>

<u>Community</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Rosholt, Wisconsin	---	263A

**Coordinates:** 44-40-12 NL and 89-23-45 WL

**Additional Information:** This allotment requires a site restriction of 8.6 kilometers (5.3 miles) northwest to avoid a short-spacing to the licensed site of Station WIZD(FM), Channel 260C3, Rudolph, Wisconsin, and Station WNCY-FM, Channel 262C2, Neenah-Menasha, Wisconsin.

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**C. MM Docket No. 01-104; RM-10103**

**Petitioner:** Auburn Network, Inc.

c/o Lee G. Petro, Esq.  
Gardner, Carton & Douglas  
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Suite 900, East Tower  
Washington, D.C. 20005-3317

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<sup>2</sup> In support of its proposal, petitioner states that Rosholt has a population of 500 and is located in central Wisconsin. Rosholt has numerous businesses that identify themselves as Rosholt establishments, e.g., Rosholt IGA, Rosholt Farm & Auto, Rosholt Hardware, Rosholt Laundromat, Rosholt Family Practice, Rosholt Stained Glass Co., and State Bank of Rosholt. Rosholt also has recreational facilities, two private grade schools, one public K-12 school, a Rosholt Clinic, and a modern medical arts clinic.

**Proposal:** Allot Channel 263A at Auburn, Alabama, as the community's second local FM transmission service.

<u>Community</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Auburn, Alabama	249A	249A, 263A

**Coordinates:** 32-34-54 NL and 85-29-17 WL

**Additional Information:** This allotment requires a site restriction of 3.2 kilometers (2.0 miles) south to avoid a short-spacing to the application site for Station WLXY(FM), Channel 263C1, Northport, Alabama.

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**D. MM Docket No. 01-105; RM-10104**

**Petitioner:** Stargazer Broadcasting, Inc.

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Stargazer Broadcasting, Inc.  
P.O. Box 519  
Woodville, Texas 75979

**Proposal:** Allot Channel 232A at Shiner, Texas, as the community's first local aural transmission service.<sup>3</sup>

<u>Community</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Shiner, Texas	--	232A

**Coordinates:** 29-25-59 NL and 97-13-20 WL

**Additional Information:** This allotment requires a site restriction of 5.1 kilometers (3.2 miles) west to avoid a short-spacing to the licensed site of Station KAJI(FM), Channel 231C3, Point Comfort, Texas. Since Shiner is located within 320 kilometers (199 miles) of the U.S.-Mexican border, concurrence of the Mexican government has been requested.

<sup>3</sup> In support of its proposal, petitioner states that Shiner is located in Lavaca County and has a 1998 population of 2,232 persons. Shiner has a police department, a public library, parks, schools, churches, financial and commercial businesses.

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**E. MM Docket No. 01-106; RM-10105**

**Petitioner:** John L. Zolkoske  
915 N. Douglas Ave.  
Stayton, Oregon 97383

**Proposal:** Allot Channel 282A at Pacific City, Oregon, as the community's first local aural transmission service.<sup>4</sup>

<u>Community</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Pacific City, Oregon	----	282A

**Coordinates:** 45-12-09 NL and 123-57-42 WL

**Additional Information:** This allotment is at city reference coordinates and does not require a site restriction.

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3. Comments, reply comments, counterproposals and other pleadings filed in response to this multiple docket Notice of Proposed Rule Making should reference only the specific docket to which the filing pertains. The Commission's authority to institute rule making proceedings, showings required, cut-off procedures, and filing requirements are contained in the attached Appendix and are incorporated by reference herein. In particular, we note that a showing of continuing interest is required in paragraph 2 of the Appendix before a channel will be allotted.

4. Interested parties may file comments on or before **June 18, 2001**, and reply comments on or before **July 3, 2001**, and are advised to read the Appendix for the proper procedure. Additionally, a copy of any filing should be served on the petitioner listed for the particular docket.

5. The Commission has determined that the relevant provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980 do not apply to a rule making proceeding to amend the FM Table of Allotments, Section 73.202(b) of the Commission's Rules. See Certification that Section 603 and 604 of the Regulatory

<sup>4</sup> In support of his proposal, petitioner states that Pacific City is located in Tillamook County and is listed in the 2001 Rand McNally Commercial Atlas with a population of 800. Pacific City has a fire service, an airport, numerous retail establishments, restaurants, hotels, offices, and a Chamber of Commerce. Pacific City also has its own post office and zip code (97135).

Flexibility Act Do Not Apply to Rule Making to Amend Sections 73.202(b), 73.504 and 73.606(b) of the Commission's Rules. 46 FR 11549 (February 9, 1981).

6. For further information concerning a proceeding listed above, contact the FCC contact listed for that proceeding. For purposes of this restricted notice and comment rule making proceeding, members of the public are advised that no ex parte presentations are permitted from the time the Commission adopts a Notice of Proposed Rule Making until the proceeding has been decided and such decision in the applicable docket is no longer subject to reconsideration by the Commission or review by any court. An ex parte presentation is not prohibited if specifically requested by the Commission or staff for the clarification or adduction of evidence or resolution of issues in the proceeding. However, any new written information elicited from such a request or any summary of any new information shall be served by the person making the presentation upon the other parties to the proceeding in particular docket unless the Commission specifically waives this service requirement. Any comment which has not been served on the petitioner constitutes an ex parte presentation and shall not be considered in the proceeding. Any reply comment which has not been served on the person(s) who filed the comment, to which the reply is directed, constitutes an ex parte presentation and shall not be considered in the proceeding.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

John A. Karousos  
Chief, Allocations Branch  
Policy and Rules Division  
Mass Media Bureau

APPENDIX

1. Pursuant to authority found in Sections 4(i), 5(c)(1), 303(g)and (r), and 307(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and Sections 0.61, 0.204(b) and 0.283 of the Commission's Rules, IT IS PROPOSED TO AMEND the FM Table of Allotments, Section 73.202(b) of the Commission's Rules and Regulations, as set forth in the Notice of Proposed Rule Making to which this Appendix is attached.

2. Showings Required. Comments are invited on the proposal(s) discussed in the Notice of Proposed Rule Making to which this Appendix is attached. Proponent(s) will be expected to answer whatever questions are presented in initial comments. The proponent of a proposed allotment is also expected to file comments even if it only resubmits or incorporates by reference its former pleadings. It should also restate its present intention to apply for the channel if it is allotted and, if authorized, to build a station promptly. Failure to file may lead to denial of the request.

3. Cut-off protection. The following procedures will govern the consideration of filings in this proceeding.

(a) Counterproposals advanced in this proceeding itself will be considered, if advanced in initial comments, so that parties may comment on them in reply comments. They will not be considered if advanced in reply comments. (See Section 1.420(d) of the Commission's Rules).

(b) With respect to petitions for rule making which conflict with the proposals in this Notice, they will be considered as comments in the proceeding, and Public Notice to this effect will be given as long as they are filed before the date for filing initial comments herein. If they are filed later than that, they will not be considered in connection with the decision in this docket.

(c) The filing of a counterproposal may lead the Commission to allot a different channel than was requested for any of the communities involved.

4. Comments and Reply Comments; Service. Pursuant to applicable procedures set out in Sections 1.415 and 1.420 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations, interested parties may file comments and reply comments on or before the dates set forth in the Notice of Proposed Rule Making to which this Appendix is attached. All submissions by parties to this proceeding or by persons acting on behalf of such parties must be made in written comments, reply comments, or other appropriate pleadings. Comments shall be served on the petitioner by the person filing the comments. Reply comments shall be served on the person(s) who filed comments to which the reply is directed. Such comments and reply comments shall

be accompanied by a certificate of service. (See Section 1.420(a), (b) and (c) of the Commission's Rules.) Comments should be filed with the Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W.; TW-A325, Washington, D.C. 20554.

5. Number of Copies. In accordance with the provisions of Section 1.420 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations, an original and four copies of all comments, reply comments, pleadings, briefs, or other documents shall be furnished the Commission.

6. Public Inspection of Filings. All filings made in this proceeding will be available for examination by interested parties during regular business hours in the Commission's Reference Information Center (Room CY-A257) at its headquarters, 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W, Washington, D.C.